

ACADIA FIRST NATION  
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING  
LIVERPOOL BEST WESTERN

JULY 08, 2014

PUBLIC MINUTES

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*Consensus*

PRESENT:

CHIEF DEBORAH ROBINSON

COUNCILLOR ANDREW FRANCIS

COUNCILLOR CHARMAINE STEVENS

COUNCILLOR JEFF PURDY

COUNCILLOR DEBRA WENTZELL

COUNCILLOR TOM PICTOU

COUNCILLOR MIKE PAUL

COUNCILLOR DARLENE COULTON

OPENING PRAYER: DEBRA WENTZELL

June 28, 2014, minutes reviewed. Motion was made and seconded to accept the June 28<sup>th</sup> minutes. All in favour – minutes approved.

As a follow up to the presentation that was provided by the representatives of the First Nations Clean Water Initiative (FNCWI), a discussion was held regarding the Band Council Resolution presented by the FNCWI. Given the concern of other communities and the potential of offloading of federal responsibilities by Indian Affairs, Health Canada and Environment Canada it was agreed that the AFN would defer participation in the FNCWI until further clarification could be obtained to address the AFN concerns.

An update on the Acadia First Nation POWWOW was presented by the Band Manager. The POWWOW is set for the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Planning is well underway by the POWWOW committee consisting of five members. The POWWOW will be held in Gold River at the POWWOW grounds as in the past. Many donations have been obtained and efforts are underway to achieve many more. The theme of the POWWOW is "A NEW DAWN". Dancers and drum groups have been contacted and several key ones have committed to the POWWOW. Others are being sought to fill the calendar of events. The MC, arena director, sweat lodge, sacred fire and other key participants are being recruited and all expectations were that we would find the required participants shortly. Volunteerism is slow but we have enough indications to make us comfortable in carrying out the POWWOW successfully.

There was an update on three current employment related matters. Two are matters before the Labour Standards Board and one is proceeding to a court action. The two that are being handled by the Labour Standards Board have agreements in principle regarding resolution and the court action will be responded to by Bruce Clarke, Burchells Law Firm.

To provide managers with more assistance in managing employee matters a document was provided by Naomi Metallic, Burchells Law Firm, to the business managers regarding proper interview questions and procedures for future staffing actions. Naomi is also to provide a workshop for AFN managers regarding employee management processes and legislation in the near future.

A band member request to attend the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) was tabled for discussion. As per the AFN Recreation Policy and practices approval for funding for the NAIG participant was approved.

The Band Manager was to provide a revised draft of the AFN Recreation Policy for review at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief and Council meeting.

A request by a band member to have the AFN pay a power bill was not approved.

A discussion was held regarding the Hurricane Arthur and the loss of power by AFN band members. As a means of discretionary assistance in this time of need it was agreed that a one-time assistance of \$200 would be provided to households which lost power for at least 48 hours.

An update on the audit was provided. The AFN audit will be completed before the federal deadline of July 28<sup>th</sup>. There were no significant issues identified by the auditors during their work on the audit.

A discussion was held regarding the AFN severance matter. Bruce Clarke had provided an opinion to the Chief and Council on this matter and further follow up was to be held with Bruce Clarke. Bruce was to be invited to the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting to answer questions in person.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for Halifax on July 22, 2014.